

**Pocono Township Board of Commissioners
Sewer Committee Meeting Minutes
June 5, 2023**

The Sewer Committee meeting of the Pocono Township Commissioners was held on Monday, June 5, 2023 and was opened by Chairman Richard Wielebinski at 6:02 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Jerrod Belvin, present; Ellen Gndt, present; Gerald J. Lastowski, present; Keith Meeker, present; Rich Wielebinski, present.

IN ATTENDANCE: Leo DeVito, Twp. Solicitor; Jon Tresslar, Twp. Engineer; Patrick Briegel, Public Works Director; Taylor Munoz, Township Manager; and Jennifer Gambino, Administrative Assistant.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

ANNOUNCEMENTS – None

HEARINGS – None

PRESENTATIONS – None

OLD BUSINESS

R. Wielebinski made a motion, seconded by J. Lastowski, to approve the minutes of the May 1, 2023 sewer committee meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.

- Sewer Resolution Update – No update.

NEW BUSINESS

FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS – None

APPEALS – None

REPORTS

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

- General update was given regarding the status of current projects. Working on a manhole refurbishment bid, replacing manholes near Discovery Drive. Routine valve replacement for Pump Station 5 planned for July.

E. Gndt asked for a status update regarding sewer liens and collections. P. Briegel stated the trend has been lower and the Township received recent payments.

COMMISSIONERS

- Discussion regarding potential sewer service area expansion.

ADMINISTRATION – None

SEWER ENGINEER

- Sanofi Sanitary Sewer Easement
 - Aaron Sisler, Borton-Lawson, provided update on behalf of Sanofi. Sanofi is going through the ROW process with PennDOT to widen their driveway. Pocono has a sewer easement within that ROW and PennDOT has signed off on the expansion. Next step to have the Township review and sign off on the sewer easement that needs to be extinguished. The applicant will send documents to the Township engineer and will have it reviewed by the Township solicitor. E. Gndt asked for clarification as to which Sanofi entrance is being widened.
- Act 537 Plan – No update.

TOWNSHIP SOLICITOR

- Discussion and possible action regarding a cash collateral agreement with Kalahari for EQ tank installation. Requested applicant's engineer confirm/substantiate cost estimates provided.

Pocono Township will hold the cash collateral agreement for the EQ tank. Tobyhanna and Kalahari have approved the agreement. Pocono Township needs the cost confirmed by Kalahari's engineer. The last estimate was done in 2021 and the Township needs confirmation that the estimate is accurate.

- Amendment to Intermunicipal Sewage Collection & Disposal Services Agreement – No update.
- General Legal Update. Litigation with Kalahari is ongoing.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

ADJOURNMENT

R. Wielebinski made a motion, seconded by E. Gndt, to adjourn the meeting at 6:11 p.m. All in favor. Motion carried.